

Morning Meditation

Late in August I received a call from the Salvation Army, the Peninsula Food Bank, to see if I would like volunteer again. I was assured that all the precautions regarding the virus would be followed. Masks, shields, hand sanitation was required and only ten people would be allowed in the building after filling-in the required forms.

I did not hesitate as I was tired of talking to the trees and I needed to be needed.

During the times I have been there I have helped with and observed the following events:

- outreach in and out of that building, produce from local and Mennonite farmers and churches.
- many brown grocery bags with need items from Valu-Mart and Foodland,
- on Tuesdays over 70 meals prepared in the kitchen and delivered to seniors who needed a good lunch,
- food given to the needy, some with no jobs at this time,
- the Coat give-way with at least a hundred pairs of mittens, hats and scarves knitted by ladies or perhaps men of our churches.

Soon we will be packing over 400 Christmas Hampers to be given folks on the Peninsula; most of the items donated by our churches and fraternal organizations.

All of these events were undertaken by volunteers from the churches in our area.

I could not stop thinking of the true meaning of "It takes a village" and the messages we have heard from St. Matthews gospel over the summer months and in particular the Gospel for Christ the King Sunday, Matthew 25: 31-46.

Hugs and Blessings to all, from afar,

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